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## THE FEAST OF THE ROSE.

TWAS a sun-dawning morn, in the  
 young month of May,  
 While the dew-drop still glisten'd on each  
 leaf and spray,  
 And the feather'd musicians were tuning  
 their pow'rs,  
 When Miss Rose gave a feast to a party of  
 flowers.

Dress'd out in bright colours of crimson  
 and green,  
 And conscious the garden proclaim'd her  
 their queen;  
 From the honey-bee's kisses she gather'd  
 each sweet,  
 That the friends she expected might dain-  
 tily eat.

By four of the clock, as a mark of re-  
 spect,  
 They were there—and the party were ra-  
 ther select,  
 For flowers, like mortals, have both friends  
 and foes,  
 And the last were forbid—to the feast of  
 the Rose.

The king-cup, the pink, and blue-bell, led  
 the way,  
 With the violet, auricula, and cowslip so  
 gay;  
 The lily, and hyacinth, and carnation, so  
 grand;  
 With the butterflower and daisy, like  
 friends hand in hand,

The tulip so gaudy, the stock, and the  
 wall,  
 Came also that day, at their Sovereign's  
 call;  
 But of all the coy virgins that Flora sent  
 there,  
 Was the primrose so meek, and the snow-  
 drop so fair.

Miss Rose, that no harm might their mer-  
 riment cross,  
 Spread around to receive them her mantle  
 of moss;  
 While Zephyr, ever fond her commands  
 to obey,  
 That morning had sent all the rude winds  
 away.

To tell how they revell'd in bliss for an  
 hour,  
 Or the compliments pass'd between flow'r  
 and flow'r.  
 Is hard to be told,—and indeed it should  
 not,  
 'Tis enough, that they stopt till the sun  
 grew too hot.

The sweet-breathing Queen then declar'd,  
 " 'Pon her honour,  
 " Her best thanks were due for their wait-  
 ing upon her ;"  
 Then kindly invited—the story so goes,  
 One and all the next spring—to the Feast  
 of the Rose.

H.H.H.

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